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Habilitation Services Program Transfer Progress Report

Legislation:

- The latest revisions of Hab statutes (RN0312338) have been e-mailed to all participant stakeholders for review and comment. This version includes revisions agreed to at the 6/3/03 and 6/9/03 meetings with DOR, DDS, DOF, Legislative staff, CRA, and ARCA.

Rulemaking (Regulations):

- In March and April, a select number of stakeholder representatives, including an ARCA representative, participated in a seven-week series of meetings with DDS and DOR to provide input on the development of regulations for the habilitation transfer. Following these meetings, a DOR/DDS Hab transfer project workgroup developed an operational outline for incorporating DOR's Title 9 Hab services regulations into Title 17.
- To date, preliminary draft regulations have been completed in the areas of Rates, CARF Accreditation, Audits, QA, Fair Hearing Process, Eligibility, VR Referral, Billing and Vendorization. Following internal review by DDS/DOR staff, the draft regulations will be distributed by DDS, via e-mail, for review by stakeholders. To the extent possible, DOR and DDS will seek to fold all relevant WAP and SEP standards including accreditation and certification requirements into DDS regulations. In areas of overlapping requirements, e.g., consumer and vendor appeals, QA, audits, the use of current DDS procedures will be considered.

Training Curriculum:

- A preliminary training curriculum outline is being developed as part of the regulations process. To date, the outline includes training topics in the areas of standards and vendorization and billing and invoicing procedures.

Next Step(s):

- On June 27, a stakeholder meeting has been scheduled to review a draft of the proposed regulations. All attendees will receive the draft in advance of the meeting, to allow for adequate review and preparation time. On June 26th DDS will provide an orientation to the habilitation regulation review process for consumers participating in the June 27th meeting.